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More Sunday shopping plan gets mixed reviews

Expanding Sunday shopping hours. The business community likes it, but labour groups aren't so sure

The Manitoba government pledged Tuesday to loosen its strict 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday shopping hours — the most stringent in the country, according to the government. Expanding Sunday shopping hours will boost the economy by helping businesses compete against the growing popularity of online shopping and changes to cross-border shopping restrictions, Manitoba finance minister Stan Struthers suggested. "The times are changing," he said. But the province's plan to change Sunday shopping hours was already drawing fire. As news leaked out hours before Struthers tabled the 2012-2013 budget, the union representing grocery store workers condemned the move.



Alice Mensah, with her two children Moma, 3, and Elijah, 8, says Manitobans can combine both church and shopping on Sundays. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Jeff Traeger, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers, said expanding Sunday shopping will mean some workers will be forced to work against their will. "I appreciate the desire for the public to want round-the-clock shopping. Those who want it are usually not the ones who have to work it," Traeger said in a statement. The move was hailed by those in the business community who have long been calling for expanded shopping hours. While Winnipeg's cham-

ber of commerce criticized the government for not attacking the deficit more aggressively, chair Brian Bowman said he's glad the province seems to recognize businesses should have the freedom to decide their own Sunday hours. Winnipegger Alice Mensah said she doesn't see a problem with expanding hours on Sundays and, as a Christian, doesn't feel that it's wrong to do both. "After you go to church, you can shop," said Mensah. "I know Sunday is a Christian day but still, people have to work (during the week) and kids play soccer, by the time you're done you need to shop on the weekends." But Kevin Rebeck, president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour, said he was disappointed the province felt the need to tinker with Sunday shopping. "I thought we had a good compromise," Rebeck said. "There is Sunday shopping now and there is some work-life balance. I'm concerned with what this means." THE CANADIAN PRESS WITH FILES FROM BERNICE PONTANILLA

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Taxes are going up and so is the cost of cigarettes and gas PAGE 2

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The struggling retail giant promises easier returns and other carrots to lure customers back PAGE 17

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What might seem harmless can actually hurt wildlife and the ecosystem PAGE 4



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Smokes, gas to cost more as NDP grapples with deficit

Uncertain times.

While the government says the new budget is balanced and fair, others call it reckless

Manitobans will pay more for gas, cigarettes and spa treatments as the NDP government struggles to slay a \$1-billion deficit by hiking taxes and user fees.

In its budget tabled Tuesday, the province is boosting fees for land titles and birth, marriage and death certificates to bring in an extra \$7 million. Gas taxes are going up 2.5 cents a litre while smokers will pay 63 cents more per pack. Money raised through the gas tax, which has been frozen for almost two decades, will go directly to fixing the province's roads and bridges.

The NDP is also expanding the seven per cent provincial sales tax to include some forms of insurance and cosmetic services such as pedicures, manicures, haircuts,

tattoos and piercings.

Hidden in budget papers, the government said it is hoping to raise \$75 million through the unspecified sale of provincial assets, which could include some government buildings.

The government will take \$56 million out of its rainy-day fund but will still run a projected deficit of \$460 million in 2012-13. Despite modest projected revenue growth, Struthers is forecasting the province will go from its \$1-billion deficit this current fiscal year to a \$23-million surplus in 2014 as it promised in last fall's election.

"We will meet this target and we will do so without reckless cuts to core services."

The province is trying to rein in spending by merging 11 regional health authorities into five, which Struthers said will eliminate about 35 executive positions. Manitoba is also freezing or cutting the budgets in 10 of its smaller departments such as Aboriginal Affairs, Conservation and Family Services.

Manitoba will also merge the liquor commission with the lotteries corporation as it reduces government agencies. Struthers said the NDP will slice the cost of government by cutting travel costs, deferring wage increases and slashing office expenses for legislative assembly members.

While some called for the government to play hardball with public-sector unions and conduct a thorough review of provincial programs, Struthers said the NDP is determined to bring the province back into the black through a delicate balance of administrative cuts and strategic spending increases. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

State of the economy

"These are uncertain times. The effects of last year's flood are still being felt. There is upheaval in the global economy and the federal government has made our work harder by freezing transfers and cutting jobs here in Manitoba."

Finance Minister Stan Struthers

Reaction to the budget

"The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) responded to today's Manitoba budget with disappointment, noting that the province has not only tabled a larger deficit than it projected in last year's budget, it has pushed back its core balanced budget date ... to 2015-16.

"A few years ago Saskatchewan actually reduced spending to help balance their books. Here, spending is up 2.8 per cent and they're trying to call it a cut. This government's inability to reduce spending is why our debt is climbing by \$47 per second."

Colin Craig, Prairie director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

"Greg Selinger's NDP government has tabled a budget that breaks his election promises and ensures Manitobans continue to pay the price for NDP mismanagement.

"Selinger's 2012 budget raises taxes and fees by \$184 million on Manitoba families while doing absolutely nothing to address the long-term issues of high taxes, crippling red tape and out-of-control spending that are isolating Manitoba from the world of economic reality.

"There is an iceberg out there, and Greg Selinger is driving right at it."

Hugh McFadyen, leader of the Manitoba PC party



Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger listens in as Finance Minister Stan Struthers tables the 2012-13 budget at the Manitoba Legislature Tuesday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"(We welcome) the Manitoba government's multi-year commitment to sustained funding for the province's universities in Budget 2012.

"I am pleased the government has fulfilled its commitment to provide universities with a five per cent increase in its funding for the second consecutive year.

"In addition to the funding increase, the Manitoba government will also allow universities to increase tuition fees at the rate of inflation."

David Barnard, president of the University of Manitoba

"Everyone knows we have a crisis in infrastructure. Manitoba communities still have no long-term, sustainable funding solution that would allow us to plan for the future. We're falling so far behind in fixing our roads, bridges, sewers and community infrastructure we may never catch up."

Sam Katz, Winnipeg Mayor

"This isn't a Winnipeg problem or a rural problem — it is a Manitoba problem. Our infrastructure deficit is in the billions of dollars and municipalities just can't handle it on their own."

Doug Dobrowolski, president of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities

"We appreciate the pressure the Minister of Health is facing, especially given the fact that the Harper government has shown Canadians that funding health care is no longer a priority, but we need to ensure that the front-line services are protected.

"The Minister of Health has indicated that there will be no cuts to front-line services, but we need to make sure that CUPE is involved in the decision-making process as we move forward."

Kelly Moist, president of CUPE Manitoba

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Feeding the deer only hurts them, provincial officials say

Wildlife. What might seem harmless can actually be detrimental to ecosystems, have other consequences

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If you are feeding deer to transform your property into the Discovery Channel, the province has a message for you — stop it.

Artificial food sources are “artificially propping up deer populations” in areas like Birds Hill Park and Winnipeg’s southwest, regional wildlife manager Brian Joynt told Metro. That can result in more deer-vehicle collisions, potential ecosystem destruction and spread disease.

“A number of diseases can move through a population quicker if the animals are concentrated,” Joynt said. “Feeding doesn’t help that.”

No studies are under way, but Joynt said he doesn’t believe deer are negatively affecting the Birds Hill Park ecosystem yet. A study “would be worth considering,” he said.

“Deer can wreak havoc on their habitat to the detriment of themselves and other species ... other jurisdictions have proven that,” Joynt said.

Several long-time residents around Birds Hill Park told Metro the deer population has exploded in recent years, making it impossible to grow a garden without a nine-foot fence.

John Petrasko, 64, grew up near the park. He estimates the deer population has in-

Cull them?

To cull or not to cull?

- Brian Joynt says Manitoba has never culled deer and has no plan to.
- “It’s a tool in the toolbox for urban deer management, but it is a very controversial one.”
- “Deer are culled in other urban environments, all over North America.”
- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship worked with the regional manager of Macdonald, southwest of the city, to allow deer hunting for residents. The arrangement is now in its second year and could reduce the deer population in Charleswood, Joynt said.
- “If we have support from the RM we will work with the RM to increase hunting opportunities and use hunting as a tool.”

creased tenfold in the last 30 years. “People are having trouble all the way to Dugald,” Petrasko said.

At the Wild West Farm & Garden shop in Oakbank, co-owner John Keller says he sells 20-kilogram bags of “wildlife feed” that he knows are ending up in deer stomachs — up to 20 bags a week in the winter.

On the issue of area residents being unable to grow a garden, Keller said, “we also sell fencing and deer deterrents.”



Two deer cross South Drive in Birds Hill Park. A provincial wildlife expert says people feeding deer is a bad thing. SEAN LEDWICH/METRO

Debate continues over Manitoba’s celebrity bear



Makoon the bear cub will be released into the wild, where he will have a 50-50 chance of survival. In this provided photo, he gets up close with RayAnne Dubois. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Some people are raising concerns that an orphaned bear cub may not have a good chance of survival when he’s released back into the wild in June.

Mike McIntosh of Bear With Us, a sanctuary and rescue centre in Ontario, says the cub named Makoon could starve to death.

McIntosh says Makoon could also become prey for wolves, coyotes and lynx.

Manitoba Conservation concedes the little bear may not survive if he’s released, but they believe he has a 50-50 chance.

Rene Dubois found the orphaned cub in a ditch near St. Malo in March and nursed him back to health.

When the story spread,

Makoon became a celebrity and strangers lined up at Dubois home to have their photos taken with the little cub.

The cub was seized by Manitoba Conservation and brought to a facility at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, with the aim of releasing him back into the wild when he is five months old.

Dubois said he’s worried. “Death sentence — that’s what it is,” said Dubois.

McIntosh said for a realistic chance of survival, Makoon shouldn’t be released until he’s a year-and-a-half old.

But James Duncan of Manitoba Conservation said the odds aren’t that bad.

“When you compare sur-

vival rates of cubs in the wild to their first year, it’s actually as good, maybe even slightly better, than survival rates,” said Duncan.

Dubois wants Makoon to be given more of a chance.

“If they would send it to Ontario, this guy, he trains them to go back into the wild,” said Dubois. “He’ll keep it for about 20 months, and then release it back into the wild.”

There are, however, regulations in place and Ontario doesn’t want a bear from another province released there, and Manitoba can’t release a bear here that’s been in another province for a span of time.

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'Top volunteer' Margaret Pondo has been answering the phones at Winnipeg Harvest for the past six years.
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Manitobans place fifth as Canadian volunteers



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A new Statistics Canada report lists Manitoba in fifth place when it comes to volunteering.

The study was released on Monday and coincides with National Volunteer Week. In it, Manitoba shows a one-percentage point decline in the rate of volunteering between 2007 and 2010. Leading the provincial pack is Saskatchewan, where the rate was 58 per cent in 2010.

At the national level, the survey found that in 2010, 13.3 million — accounting for 47 per cent of Canadians aged 15 and over — did volunteer work, devoting almost 2.1 billion hours.

A small proportion of these volunteers, about 10 per cent, accounted for 53 per cent of all hours given to non-profit and charitable organizations. StatsCan calls them "top volunteers," as they dedicate a

minimum of 390 hours to their volunteering on an annual basis, which equals 10 weeks of full-time work.

Margaret Pondo is one of those top volunteers.

For the past six years, she's devoted at least 13 hours a week to the referrals call centre at Winnipeg Harvest, which exceeds the 390 mark by about 300 hours.

"After my husband passed away, I needed something else to do and this filled a void," she said, adding that she takes roughly 200 to 225 calls in one shift. "I like to give back to the world."

Kurt Lemky, who works in volunteer services at Winnipeg Harvest, said volunteers are a "lifeline" for their organization, adding that Harvest is in desperate need of non-perishable food items.

Lemky's co-worker Shelley Malo said volunteers bring so much knowledge to Harvest.

"They help us see better ways of doing things and they

Top 5 provinces:

1 Saskatchewan: 58 per cent of residents in the province volunteer.

2 Prince Edward Islanders come in at 56 per cent.

3 Also on the east coast, 55 per cent of Nova Scotians are giving their time.

4 Back out West, 54 per cent of Albertans volunteer.

5 53 per cent of Manitoba's residents are lending a helping hand.

guide us to ensure that we're on track," she said.

Pondo said she'd like to see more Winnipeggers get out and volunteer.

"People have to give more of themselves, to other people and help out," she said. "Anything to beat Saskatchewan."

Women's shelter fundraisers are ready, set to go

Big shortfall. Osborne House still needs half a million in funding or it may close its doors

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Since being denied funding from the City of Winnipeg last month, and seeing a decline in personal donations by 75 per cent, Osborne House is getting a helping hand.

"They need (help) now more than ever," said Ruthe Penner, chair of media/advertising and sponsorship at Royal LePage Prime.

The real estate company will hold a garage sale fundraiser next month in an effort to boost the shelter's funds.

"All admin costs are paid by Brookfield Assets (Royal LePage parent company) so every dollar raised is given," said Penner. "Since we raise locally the money stays locally. We support Osborne House as our shelter of choice. Everyone knows them and they do a fantastic job helping women and children."

The garage sale will be held on May 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Royal LePage office at 1877 Henderson Hwy. Last year the company raised \$12,000 and now they're looking to beat it.

"We're trying to have a sponsorship target of \$20,000 this year," said Penner.

Also fundraising for Osborne House is St. Norbert MLA Dave Gaudreau, in honour of his friend, Shannon Scromeda, who was killed in 2008 as the result of domestic violence.

How to participate:

- Donations for Royal LePage's garage sale can be dropped off at their office
- Tickets for Gaudreau's fundraiser can be purchased through his office or Lovey's Barbeque for \$20.

"I'm hoping that by raising this issue and giving this fundraiser people will realize the service [Osborne House] provides," said Gaudreau in a previous interview with Metro.

Gaudreau's fundraiser will take place May 4 at the Area Night Club.

Osborne House has a funding shortfall of \$450,000.



Ruthe Penner sits with donations dropped off at the Royal LePage Prime office on Henderson. "We need all the donations we can get," she said. SVJETLANA MLINAREVIC/FOR METRO

Crime. Man wanted for assault with weapon

Winnipeg police are on the lookout for a suspect after a man assaulted a woman in the West Broadway area early Monday.

Police say a 26-year-old woman was walking on Spence Street near Broadway Avenue around 5 a.m. when a man armed with a knife pulled up and forced her into

his vehicle.

The suspect drove to a nearby lane, but the victim was able to get away and call police after a resident noticed what was happening and started yelling.

The victim was not injured in the incident.

The suspect is described as black, 6'0" tall, between

160-180 lbs. with a thin to medium build. He was wearing a black jacket and brown pants and was driving an older model red, four-door car, possibly a Pontiac Grand Am or an Oldsmobile Alero.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 986-6668 or CrimeStoppers at 786-TIPS. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Pat Lazo, artistic director of Graffiti Art Programming Inc., creates a graffiti piece Tuesday morning. Downtown BIZ announced funding for Lazo's organization, as well as Red Road Lodge and Siloam Mission, that was brought in through the CEO sleepout campaign held last September. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

CEO sleepout funds handed to downtown groups

Support. Money will aid city's homeless and at-risk populations



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Three organizations dedicated to helping Winnipeg's homeless have picked up funding from the money raised through Downtown BIZ's Change for the Better CEO sleepout held last September.

More than \$100,000 was raised when CEOs, community leaders and key decision-makers were challenged to spend a night sleeping on Winnipeg's streets. On Tuesday morning, \$94,000 of that total was officially split up and handed over

to Siloam Mission, the Red Road Lodge, and Graffiti Art Programming Inc.

"We're looking for organizations that can make that link between support and employment and spilling out all that positive stuff on to our sidewalks," said Downtown BIZ executive director Stefano Grande of why the organizations were chosen. "The Change for the Better program is all about ... raising dollars and encouraging people to give to programs that work."

Change for the Better helps homeless people get off the street and into permanent paid employment and has raised \$235,000 since it was started in 1992.

Siloam Mission received a cheque for \$50,000 that will be used to continue its Mission: Off the Streets Pro-

gram, which helps homeless men and women re-enter the workforce.

With the \$24,200 it picked up, Graffiti Art Programming Inc. will start its Young Parents Program at its Portage Place Mall studio to engage at-risk young mothers and fathers and employ them to create meaningful art installations throughout the downtown.

Red Road Lodge, which hosted the announcement at its front doors, will receive \$19,800 and it plans to use the money to fund REACH, a program that will provide employment — with a focus on community cleanup — to 10 individuals who are either homeless, unemployed or living on disability insurance, or in recovery from a mental illness or addiction.

Police cruisers involved in two separate crashes

Several people — including four Winnipeg police officers — were taken to hospital after two separate collisions involving police cruisers Monday evening.

The first crash happened at about 6 p.m. at the intersection of Portage Avenue and Carlton Street.

Police say two officers were headed eastbound on Portage with their lights on after being dispatched to a call when a second vehicle, going south on Carlton, entered the intersection and the two vehicles collided.

Both officers were taken to hospital and have since been released, while the 26-year-old driver of the other vehicle was treated on the scene.

Both vehicles suffered extensive damage.

Roughly an hour later, another police cruiser responding to a call with its lights on collided with a vehicle at the corner of Archibald and Cote streets.

Police say the officers were travelling south on Archibald when a vehicle going north on the same street tried to turn left into a parking lot and the two vehicles collided.

Four people were trapped while firefighters cut the roof off the civilian car to get them out. The four, who witnesses described as two adults and two children, were loaded into the Major Incident Response Vehicle and sent to hospital.

Both the police cruiser and the car were badly damaged.

The Winnipeg Police Service traffic-collision investigation section is looking into the second collision.

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The roof of this car was taken off to free the passengers trapped inside.

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A victim is loaded into the Major Incident Response Vehicle to be transported to hospital. HOWARD WONG/FOR METRO

Warrant. Wanted man may be bound for Winnipeg: Mounties

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for a Jamaican man who, according to police, entered Canada illegally and may come to Winnipeg.

RCMP say Staeton Kevin Grant, 40, rode a bicycle over Boissevain Port of Entry shortly after 8 p.m.

Saturday and failed to report to customs officers at the border.

Although Killarney RCMP found him in Boissevain, he fled on foot and left his bicycle and backpack behind.

The suspect was able to elude officers, and RCMP believe he may be heading

to Winnipeg.

Grant is black and was last seen wearing a grey jacket and dark pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact RCMP, local law-enforcement agencies or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Holy mackinaw! Jennifer and her programmer, Chris Iverach-Brereton, test the new inline skates she'll use when competing at the 2012 DARwin-OP Humanoid Appliance Challenge next month. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Robot shoots, robot scores!

Meet Jennifer, the hockey-playing humanoid. U of M researcher adds inline skating to robot's skill set



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The world's only hockey-playing robot is lacing up the skates for her first international competition.

And in another first, Jennifer — designed by a team at the University of Manitoba to shoot a puck and skate on ice — will face off wearing a pair of custom inline skates.

"I just made a pair of Rollerblades for it out of Lego, of all things," Chris Iverach-Brereton, Jennifer's programmer,

said with a chuckle on Tuesday while tinkering in the school's Autonomous Agents Laboratory. "There's been a few robots that go roller-skating, but I've never seen one that uses inline skates."

Jennifer and the 10-member team that created her made headlines across Canada in February after Iverach-Brereton, a computer-science graduate student, posted a video of her showing off her slapshot on YouTube.

Now the fully autonomous robot has made it into the final round of the 2012 DARwin-OP Humanoid Appliance Challenge.

The competition in St. Paul, Minn., next month will see Jennifer go head-to-head with other robots. The robots will be judged on creativity, technical skill and other attributes.

"The company that makes the robots is sponsoring the

competition to get the word out there that these robots are as powerful and as flexible as they're claiming," Iverach-Brereton said.

Because there's little ice in May, Jennifer will have to show judges her puck-handling skills wearing inline skates, a challenge Iverach-Brereton hopes to have mastered before heading south for the competition.

"We're running into a couple of issues with the Lego," he said. "It's not holding together too well, so we may have to Super Glue it."

A first-place finish at the 2012 DARwin-OP Humanoid Appliance Challenge will earn the U of M another \$12,000 robot — a great addition to the blue-line for their burgeoning robot hockey squad.

"We'll almost have a complete shift," Iverach-Brereton said, laughing. "Or at the very least we'll have a curling team."

step in our ongoing efforts towards water conservation."

Rain barrels can help conserve water and reduce water bills and polluted runoff.

The 55-gallon barrels will sell for \$60 at FortWhyte Alive on April 22, and for \$70 for non-members and \$60 for members after Earth Day. For more information, call 989-8355 or go fortwhyte.org/rainbarrels.

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Twitter proposal sparks international interest

The story of the Winnipeg man who live-tweeted his marriage proposal is being shared around the world.

Though Mike Duerksen is already celebrating his engagement to Janelle Freed, people around the world are still tweeting under the hashtag #MikeProposes.

News sites have written about Duerksen letting the world in on his proposal. In many stories in countries such as Poland and Greece, #MikeProposes is the only English phrase on the page.

"#MikeProposes has taken on a fascinating post-proposal life of its own. @Telegraph picked it up tgr.ph/jpPmXs, and so did @ABC," Duerksen said in a tweet on Monday.

He politely turned down a request for an interview with Metro, saying he's hoping the media interest will die down.

According to his tweets, Duerksen took his girlfriend to eight locations around Winnipeg that have special meaning to them over 12 hours last Friday. They played Scrabble on the legislative building, went to Stella's for breakfast and to St. Boniface Cathedral.



Mike Duerksen and his girlfriend, Janelle Freed, on their date last Friday. The pair's story has gone global. CONTRIBUTED

He took time out that day to talk to Metro about the experience, saying, "I'm confident she'll say 'yes.' Or else it will be a very public way to say 'no.'"

All throughout the day, he tweeted stories of how the two met and posted pictures to followers. The last stop was a bonfire at the place where he first asked his girlfriend out and would now propose to her.

At 8:36 p.m. on Friday, more than 21 hours after

Duerksen first announced his adventure, he tweeted, "Folks, she said yes!"

Duerksen received many congratulatory tweets from followers and hopeless romantics alike. He tweeted the next day about the overwhelming following and said he was "going to spend the next few days with my fiancée, family and friends."

According to media reports, the couple plans to marry this year.

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Earth Day event

Coke rolls out the (rain) barrel

Coca-Cola Canada is offering Winnipeggers a chance to refresh their gardens while helping the local watershed.

The soft-drink maker has converted 230 beverage-concentrate barrels into rain-harvesting barrels and given them to FortWhyte Alive,

which, in turn, will sell them to the public for Earth Day.

"Water is the primary ingredient in our beverages and we recognize our responsibility to protect this resource and support local communities," said Dan Jeffries, vice-president of field operations for the Western Canada division of Coca-Cola Refreshments. "Converting our concentrate barrels into rainwater-harvesting containers is an important

PORTAGE PLACE

A son's insight on his father's art

Norman Rockwell's youngest son Peter will be sharing personal stories about his father at Winnipeg Art Gallery events later this month.

Now an artist himself, Peter will guide Rockwell fans through his father's work, which is being displayed at the WAG from March 2 to May 20 in American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell.

"He's a son reflecting on his father but also an artist that can speak on the work of another artist," said Anna Wiebe, Head of Education at the WAG.

Peter was often a model for his father's iconic illustrations on Saturday Evening Post magazine covers.

Rockwell was known for creating everyday life scenarios, and Wiebe says he often used his own family

and Peter can talk about the "process that led to the covers."

"People will have the opportunity to speak with a family member, someone at an intimate level," Wiebe told Metro.

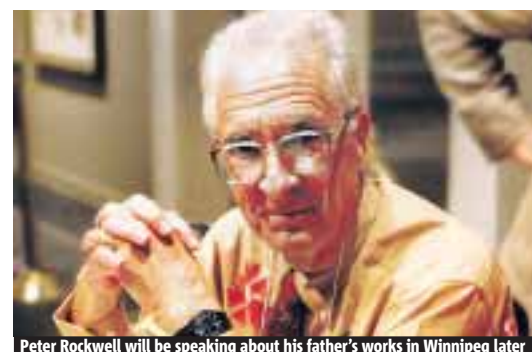
Peter will give a visual presentation in the auditorium about his father on Friday, April 27 from 7 p.m. to 10. This event includes a question and answer por-

tion and is \$20 for members \$25 for non-members.

The ticket stub can later be used for a 10 per cent discount off the Rockwell exhibit.

Peter will also be talking about his own sculptors and carvings on Wednesday, April 25 from 12:10 p.m. to 1. Tickets are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

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Peter Rockwell will be speaking about his father's works in Winnipeg later this month. WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

Oasis Lake back flowing, but not everyone can swim there

New resort. Four Winnipeg-born brothers have spent 'millions' revamping the Oasis, which will be for the exclusive use of RV campers

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The Oasis — a swimming landmark just north of Winnipeg for more than 50 years — re-opens on May 1 under new ownership, but don't grab your towel and sunblock just yet.

The 45-acre property, closed since October 2010, will be for the exclusive use of its seasonal RV campers.

The New Oasis RV & Trailer Resort will be "safe, quiet, and family-friendly," co-owner Reno Gerl told Metro.

"I keep coming back to those, because it's at the core of what we're trying to achieve."

Winnipeg-born Gerl and older brothers Hardy, Roly, and

Werner bought the property last year, spending "millions of dollars to bring the facility back to life again," he said.

About 65 of the resort's 202 RV sites are already leased, each with a newly installed 750-gallon septic tank and 30-amp electrical service.

Before work on the "massive infrastructure project" began, it took four months to clean-up "tones of debris" and old buildings left by previous residents, Gerl said.

"It looked like a tornado went through there," said RM of Springfield fire Chief Dick Vlaming, who has his own RV spot reserved already.

"They did such an unreal job cleaning it up. I couldn't believe it ... they've just been very positive, community-orientated people."

Vlaming said proceeds from the resort's beach concession, which his three daughters will operate, will furnish and maintain a three-bedroom cabin on site that will provide temporary shelter to fire victims.

The resort is on Oasis Road just north of the Floodway off Highway 59.

Lake history

- **Construction.** Oasis lake was built in 1957 and is "about the size of a football field," said Reno Gerl, co-owner of the resort.

- **Water flow.** 378,000 litres of "virtually bacteria-free" water is cycled through the lake into the Floodway each day, Gerl said.

- **Water source.** The water comes from the underground Lake Agassiz, the same source the town of Birds Hill draws its water from.

- **Calgary to Winnipeg.** "Everyone in Calgary who's from Winnipeg seems to know about (the Oasis)," said Werner Gerl, the only brother not still living in Winnipeg (jokingly called the "Calgary supervisor" by his three brothers).



Werner Gerl points out the diving platform where the water will be eight feet deep when the lake is full.

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Festivals on track with funding

Three Winnipeg festivals will be on the receiving end of a series of small grants to help run and promote their events.

The federal government is providing funding of \$3,800 to the Heritage Winnipeg Corporation, \$2,800 to the West End Cultural Centre, and \$3,200 to Art City Inc. through the Department of Canadian Heritage's Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program.

The money will help fund Doors Open Winnipeg, The Ellice Street Festival

Funding

\$9,800

The federal government is providing \$9,800 in funding to three Winnipeg festivals including Doors Open Winnipeg, the Ellice Street Festival and the Art City Sky Festival.

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"Heritage Winnipeg is pleased to receive this funding and would like to invite the public to explore many of our most architecturally,

historically and culturally significant buildings and sites during this free weekend event," said Cindy Tugwell, executive director of Heritage Winnipeg Corporation.

"Doors Open visitors will have a chance to celebrate the stories our buildings tell with over 75 buildings and various walking tours and activities throughout the city."

Doors Open Winnipeg takes place May 26 and 27, the Ellice Street Festival is on June 1 and 2, while the Art City Sky Festival

Festival schedule

- **Doors Open Winnipeg.** Runs May 26-27
- **Ellice Street Festival.** Runs June 1-2
- **Art City Sky Festival.** Runs June 4-30

tival will take place in the West Broadway neighbourhood from June 4-30.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Tories' plan is praised and panned

Environment. Major overhaul of rules will create jobs, say feds. Nonsense, says NDP — the big companies will be winners

A major overhaul of environmental assessment rules for big projects will create jobs and growth, the federal government announced Tuesday.

The Tory announcement sparked resource industry praise and fierce criticism from environmental groups.

First signalled in last month's budget, the government said proposed new rules would encourage investment by avoiding wasteful duplication and setting strict time limits for project reviews.

"We intend to focus federal assessment efforts on major projects that can have significant environmental effects, such as energy and mining projects," Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said.

"Streamlining the review process ... will attract significant investment dollars and give every region of our coun-

End of an era?

"This is really a weakening of key environmental protection measures that have been in place for decades. It's meant to pave the way for Big Oil to get what it wants."

Gillian McEachern,
with Environmental Defence.

try a tremendous economic boost."

The plan calls for three organizations — the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the National Energy Board and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission — to conduct reviews, down from 40 government departments that can currently be involved.

But Opposition New Democrats and environmental groups accused the Conservative government of ramming through legislation that would "rubber-stamp" assessments to the benefit of large corporations.

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Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver takes a question during a Toronto-area news conference Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



O Canada ... we're oh, so proud of you

That tiny Maple Leaf flag on a child's cheek says it all. Five-year-old Andromeda Bromwich on Tuesday shows that even youngsters like to show off their pride in Canada. Andromeda and Liberal interim leader Bob Rae are pictured as they took part in a dance to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in downtown Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Internet. Mom, dad are Facebook snoops: survey

More than 50 per cent of the Canadian parents surveyed for a study on online safety admitted they secretly access their teenager's Facebook account.

According to a survey conducted in 11 countries by security company AVG, the global average of snooping parents was 44 per cent.

Still, Canadian parents were less likely to spy on their teens than those in the U.S. and Spain, where 61 per cent admitted to monitoring Facebook covertly.

When accounting for the results from all countries, mothers were more likely than fathers to do the cyberstalking.

About 49 per cent of the

moms admitted to doing so, compared to 39 per cent of dads.

Canadian parents were second most likely to be Facebook friends with their teens.

About 66 per cent said their kids had accepted their friend request, compared to 72 per cent in the U.S., and just 32 per cent in France and 10 per cent in Japan.

When it came to worries about online behaviour, about 38 per cent of Canadian parents said they worried their teen's actions on social networks could affect their future job, school or dating prospects, compared to 40 per cent in the U.S. and 42 per cent globally.

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Smoking. Tory cuts boost Big Tobacco, activists say

National health groups are condemning the Harper government for cuts to a federal non-smoking program.

Melodie Tilson, from the Non-Smokers Rights Association, says the cuts give tobacco companies the upper hand in influencing future health policy decisions.

"Why would the Harper government gut a program that saves the lives of Canadians, saves government money and safeguards the health and well-being of our youth?" Tilson asked.

The federal budget cut \$15 million — more than 30 per cent — from the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy, which has reduced the number of smokers across Canada.

The winner?

"Consider who wins by this decision. The only winner — and they are big winners — is Big Tobacco."

Melodie Tilson,
Non-Smokers Rights Association.

But Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq listed several government anti-smoking initiatives, including warning labels on cigarette packaging, a national hotline for people who want to quit smoking and a ban on small, flavoured cigarettes targeted at youth.

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“ I HAVE A LIST OF WHAT I WANT IN A CAR.

Construction magnate's arrest may spark bombshells in Quebec

Province jolted.

Reclusive Tony Accurso is arrested with 13 others in a case with far-reaching political effects

A prominent Quebec construction magnate whose cosy ties to politicians and links to business figures have triggered allegations of scandal is facing six fraud-related charges in a case that could have far-reaching political repercussions.

Tony Accurso was among 14 people arrested by the anti-corruption unit of the Quebec provincial police in raids Tuesday.

The arrests could lead to an in-depth look into the murky world of contract bidding at the municipal and provincial levels.

Accurso, a major player in the Quebec construction industry, has seen his name sur-



Quebec construction magnate Tony Accurso is surrounded by media as he leaves a police facility in Montreal Tuesday. PAUL CHAISSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

face in alleged construction scandals that have rocked the province for years, involving municipal and provincial politicians and union bosses.

But the reclusive business-

man had never been charged with anything — until being swept up in an alleged bribery scandal in Mascouche, a small town in Montreal's posh northern suburbs.

Police say Accurso and others were involved in kickbacks and bribes exchanged for favourable contracts or privileged information key to the bidding process.

Authorities say the practice has been going on for several years.

Accurso faces six charges: fraud, conspiracy, influence-peddling, breach of trust and

The fallout

The criminal charges could have an influence that goes far beyond the courtroom.

- **THE PROBE.** Premier Jean Charest has called an inquiry into widespread allegations of corruption involving the Quebec construction industry and its ties to political parties and the awarding of public contracts.
- **THE ELECTION.** It's unclear what impact the arrests will have on the timing of a provincial election. Charest may be tempted to go to the polls in the spring before proceedings start.

two counts of defrauding the government.

The 18-month investigation culminated in a total of 47 charges.

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Jordan promises 'fair trial'. Britain may soon be able to deport radical

A radical Islamist cleric fighting deportation from Britain to Jordan was again behind bars Tuesday, and the U.K. said it hoped to finally expel the preacher after a decade of legal wrangling.

Home Secretary Theresa May said new assurances from Jordan to offer a fair trial to Abu Qatada, a Palestinian-Jordanian preacher described in Spanish and British courts as a leading al-Qaida figure in Europe, should allow the saga to end.

Authorities in Britain have been trying to expel the preacher since 2001, but after a lengthy legal battle the European Court of Human Rights ruled in January that Abu Qatada could not be deported to Jordan because of a risk that evidence obtained through torture would be used against him there.

Abu Qatada has previously been convicted in absentia in Jordan of terrorist offences related to two alleged bomb plots in 1999 and 2000, and he will face a retrial if deported from Britain.

The preacher was arrested on Tuesday by U.K. Border Agency officers and denied bail at a hearing at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission — a court that handles deportation and national security cases.

He had been freed in Feb-



Abu Qatada is driven away after being refused bail on Tuesday.

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ruary following the European court's ruling, albeit on strict bail conditions.

Following two visits by British ministers to Jordan and telephone talks between Prime Minister David Cameron and Jordan's King Abdullah II, Britain had secured a series of pledges to address the European court's concerns, May said.

May said that Jordan had vowed that no information gleaned through torture would be used in the cleric's case and had changed its constitution to bar the use of such evidence.

Britain first attempted to deport Abu Qatada in 2001.

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Romania

Public funds used to finance a book featuring fascist leader

A Holocaust research centre in Romania says public funds were used to finance a children's poetry book that features on its cover Romania's Second World war fascist leader.

The National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania blasted a local council for helping publish the book by George Ungureanu, 100, a former member of pro-Hitler group active in Romania during the war.

The book has Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, founder of the fascist Iron Guard legion, on its cover.

Guard members gained notoriety for vicious anti-Semitism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooter gives speech to courtroom in Oslo

Day 2 of Norway's mass killer trial.

Anti-Muslim fanatic insists on finishing his whole diatribe, or not speaking at all

In a scene unimaginable in many countries, Norway's worst mass killer since the Second World War gets to explain his fanatical views to the court and the world for days dressed up in a business suit.

Two days into Anders Behring Breivik's terror trial, the studied formality with which Norway's legal system deals with a confessed killer who rejects its authority is baffling to outsiders, even to some Norwegians.

On Monday, the day the trial started, Norwegian prosecutors and even lawyers representing the families of his 77 victims shook Breivik's hand as proceedings began.

On Tuesday, the 33-year-old far-right militant was allowed to give an hour-long address to the court, reading from a statement that summarized the anti-Islamic manifesto that he posted online before his bomb-and-shooting rampage nine months ago.

"The attacks on July 22 were a preventive strike. I acted in self-defence on behalf of my people, my city, my country," Breivik declared.

He was demanding to be found innocent of terror and murder charges. He set off a bomb outside the government headquarters in Oslo, killing eight, then drove to Utøya island outside the capital and massacred 69 people in a shooting spree at



Defendant Anders Behring Breivik discusses a matter with his lawyer. LISE ASERUD/SCANPIX NORWAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accused gives speech

"What I see happening in Norway with Breivik's statement is a trial about politics, not legal evidence,"

Jeff Kass, a reporter who wrote a book about the 1999 Columbine school shooting in the United States.

the governing Labor Party's youth summer camp on the island.

It was the most "spectacular" attack by a nationalist militant since the Second

World War, he boasted.

The court's main judge interrupted Breivik several times Tuesday, asking him to get to the point, but let him continue after he threatened

that he would either finish his speech or not speak at all.

"It is critically important that I can explain the reason and the motive" for the massacre, said Breivik.

Breivik, who has admitted the attacks, said it doesn't matter if he's sent to prison, because living in a country ruled by "multiculturalists" was a prison in itself. The main point of his defence is to avoid an insanity ruling.

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Suspensions still abound in Egypt's deadly soccer riot

Top cops among those charged. 75 fans killed in February melee; victims mostly fans of Cairo's Al-Ahly team; most defendants fans of Port Said team

Fans charged in Egypt's deadliest soccer riot declared their innocence in the first session of their trial Tuesday. And they directed their anger toward police, charged with collaborating in the killing of 75 supporters of a rival team.

Nine senior officers, including six police generals and a colonel, are among the 73 people charged in the case. The officers were present in the courtroom, dressed in traditional white defendant uniforms, but they were not held in the



A defendant facing charges relating to soccer deaths reacts at trial. HOSSAM ALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

courtroom cage with the rest of those on trial.

If the police are convicted, it would further fuel widespread speculation that the country's much-despised Interior Ministry force allowed the bloody February 2012 at-

tack on fans of a soccer club with which they have a long antagonistic history.

Most of the defendants are fans of Al-Masry, the main sports club in the Mediterranean city of Port Said, where the attack took place.

The majority of the victims were fans of a rival team, Cairo's Al-Ahly, whose supporters are credited with playing a major role in the 18-day popular uprising that toppled longtime President Hosni Mubarak last year.

Survivors of the attack charge that police allowed the attack by Al-Masry fans to deteriorate into bloodshed.

Others have suggested that former regime loyalists hired thugs to kill Al-Ahly fans. "Where is Mubarak?" the defendants chanted, reflecting their suspicion of the ousted regime.

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North Korea celebrates

A family poses for a picture in front of portraits of the late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong-il at a festival for the "Kimilsungia" flower to mark 100 years since the birth of North Korea's late founder in Pyongyang, North Korea, Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile

Harper, wife awakened by major quake

Prime Minister Harper and his wife Laureen were awakened by a major earthquake as they over-nighted in the Chilean capital.

Buildings shook throughout the city at around 12:50 a.m. Tuesday in a 6.7 magnitude earthquake centred 112 kilometres from Santiago.

"The prime minister and his wife were at the hotel when the earthquake happened," said Harper's spokesperson. No Canadians were injured.

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Near Aspen

Cows take shelter and freeze

It may take explosives to dislodge a group of cows that wandered into an old ranger cabin high in the Rocky Mountains, then died and froze solid. They were discovered in March.

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Secret Service probe to begin

Scandal. U.S. Secret Service and military are being investigated for soliciting prostitutes

Fallout from a Secret Service prostitution scandal ricocheted around the nation's capital Tuesday, with congressional and military investigators digging into the situation more deeply and the White House facing questions about the competency of the agency

designed to protect President Barack Obama's life.

At least 20 women were involved in last weekend's incident with Secret Service agents, U.S. military personnel and prostitutes at a Colombian hotel just before Obama arrived for a regional summit, a senator briefed on the situation said. The agency has referred the matter to an independent government investigator, according to a second senator.

The scandal has become a widening embarrassment for

the Obama administration and the fresh flurry of activity squashed White House hopes that the matter could be left behind in Colombia once Air Force One was wheels up.

The focus fell Tuesday on Secret Service director Mark Sullivan, who shuttled between meetings at the Congress outlining what his investigators in Washington and in Colombia have found about the incident.

Lawmakers peppered Sullivan with questions, chief among them: who were the

Conflicting accounts

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes; others are saying they're not."

Peter King, Republican Representative

women the agents allegedly had in their rooms, and did the women have access to sensitive information that could have jeopardized the president's security.

At the White House, Obama was asked at the conclusion of a Rose Garden event whether he believed Sullivan should

resign. The president ignored the shouted inquiries; his spokesman later said Obama had confidence in Sullivan.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into the matter," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

On Thursday, 11 Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked their security clearances.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel also were being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct.

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Dog days. Mitt Romney criticized again for strapping dog to roof

The sorry tale of Seamus, the Irish setter who spent 12 stressful hours atop Mitt Romney's station wagon on a road trip to Canada, is back in the spotlight after the Republican front-runner and his wife faced questions about the 1983 incident in a high-profile prime-time interview.

"The dog loved it," a laughing Ann Romney told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview earlier this week.

"He would see that crate and, you know, he would go crazy because he was going with us on vacation. It was to me a kinder thing to bring him along than to leave him in the kennel for two weeks."

Sawyer, however, questioned the extent of Seamus's enjoyment as he sat in a windy crate on the roof of the car for 12 hours. She pointed out the dog had experienced intestinal distress during the drive from Boston to the Lake Huron community of Grand Bend, where the Romney family still owns a cottage.

According to a 2007 Boston Globe profile of Mitt Romney, his disgusted boys alerted their father to the fact that Seamus

Criticism

Asked if he'd ever again transport a dog that way, Mitt Romney replied "Certainly not with the attention it's received," saying the story had been "the most wounding" to his campaign.

- That response prompted anger anew on various social media platforms. "Wrong reason," one Twitter user wrote.

- Dogs Against Romney's Scott Crider expressed dismay. "In other words, Mr. Romney still sees nothing wrong with what he did ... and the only reason he wouldn't do it again is to avoid personal political backlash," he said Tuesday.

was suffering from diarrhea as they made their way to the cottage.

Romney stopped at the next service station, hosed down the dog, the car and the carrier, returned Seamus to his stoop and continued to Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Dalai Lama alohas with canoe crew

In a photo provided by Pillars of Peace Hawaii, the Dalai Lama jokes with members of the crew of the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hokulea following the Earth Blessing and Consecration of the canoe on Monday in Kaneohe, Hawaii. The Hokulea is being prepared for an around-the-world trip.

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Child arrest

Tantrums illegal?

Police in Georgia handcuffed a kindergartner with her arms behind her back after the girl threw a tantrum. The police chief defended the action as a safety measure.

The girl's family demanded that their central Georgia city change policy so that other children aren't treated the same way. They say the child was shaken up by the ordeal.

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Child pornography

Man faces more porn charges

A man charged in Indiana with coercing two teenage boys into making sexually explicit online videos, and who boasted to FBI agents that he had done this more than 100 times, now faces federal charges in Michigan for the same offence.

The U.S. attorney's office on Friday filed charges of production of child pornography and enticement against Richard Finkbinder, 39, who could face from 15 years to life in prison if convicted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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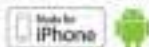
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The unique sound of space

Planetary phenomena. Scientists recreate the sounds of outer space by drawing on physics and mathematics

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

In space, the saying goes, no one can hear you scream. But what does space itself sound like?

Scientists used the principles of physics and mathematics to recreate the sounds of Venus, Mars and Saturn's moon Titan. Using

the different aspects of pressures, temperatures and atmospheres they replicated what various natural phenomena like thunder and whirlwinds would sound like.

"All these probes have gone to other worlds and they have brilliant cameras, but they never told us what other worlds sound like," Tim Leighton, professor of ultrasonics and underwater acoustics at the University of Southampton, told Metro. He spearheaded the planetary sounds project.

Leighton explained that things sound differently on different planets because of the different atmospheres on any given planet.

Using the example of human voice, the way we make sound while talking is simple. The speaker creates audible words by vibrating their vocal chords. The higher the pitch, the faster the vocal chords move. By sounding higher, it makes the speaker seem smaller.

When you listen to someone speak, there is a slight echo of every note you say that comes from inside your body and outside from your surroundings.

This helps the listener perceive whether or not you are speaking in a big room or a tiny closet and how big of a creature you are. Leighton said that unconscious ability to hear these echoes

probably developed as a survival trait so humans could figure out exactly how big that animal roaring in the distance was.

Things change on different planets. For example, on Venus, the pitch of someone's voice would drop from a soprano to a bass because they would have to push the thick, soupy atmosphere out of the way with the sound waves of their vocal projection. Also, because the speed of sound travels much faster on Venus, it would make the person sound smaller. You'd have to yell as well: The dense atmosphere would make it hard to hear.

"You'd sound like a bass Smurf," Leighton explained.

Titan

Sound of Saturn

Tim Leighton previously made headlines when he predicted what a waterfall of liquid methane would sound like on Titan.

When the Huygen's probe was sent to explore Titan for water in 2004, he wondered to himself what would happen if all visual equipment failed on the craft from the impact of the crash. Leighton said the only way to find out if the probe hit water would be to listen for the splash or

a surrounding waterfall, but it wouldn't sound like what we normally hear on Earth.

Saturn's moon is especially interesting to researchers because it is the only other planet besides Earth where evidence of stable bodies of surface liquid had been found, and its climate has also been found to be similar to our planet. **MICHELLE CASTILLO/METRO WORLD NEWS**



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Discovery hitches a ride home

Space Shuttle Discovery, mounted atop a 747 shuttle carrier aircraft, prepares to land at Washington Dulles International Airport during the final trip to its retirement place on Tuesday in Chantilly, Virginia. The longest-serving orbiter in the space shuttle fleet was flown from Kennedy Space Center in Florida to the Washington, D.C. area to be transferred to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and will be placed on display in the museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. **ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES**

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Apparently, I'm not Canada's Smartest Person.

This will not come as a great surprise to a long-suffering cadre of readers, friends, enemies and loved ones, but

now it's confirmed:

Canada's Smartest Person is Peter Dyakowski, offensive lineman for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who won the CBC-TV competition of the same name and is now enjoying his victory lap on the smart circuit.

For instance, next week, he appears at a Mensa Convention at the Marriott Gateway in Niagara Falls, where he will compete for gold in the Couch PotatOlympics and build a working model of a trebuchet.

For those of you who aren't so smart, that's a siege engine that fires stones at the ramparts.

Hmph.

I guess it will sound like sour grapes if I dare to ask why Canada's Smartest Person is wasting his time tinkering with trebuchets at a tourist trap instead of figuring out how to eliminate the deficit or cure cancer, but really.

And how did he get to be Canada's Smartest Person anyway? Did he threaten to bombard the CBC fortress on Front Street with rocks? Or does it have something to do with the fact that he is six-five and 325 pounds? He wants to be Canada's Smartest Person, let him be Canada's Smartest Person. Just don't make him mad.

Turns out he endured 17 hours of taping that tested multiple dimensions of intelligence: physical, musical, logical, linguistic, visual and interpersonal. As the program progressed, he was so far ahead of the competition with two science brainiacs and a "spoken word artist," that the host of show told him: "Peter, we don't care about your score anymore."

So, apart from the fact that Canada's Real Smartest Person is too busy to bother with a quiz show no matter how multi-dimensional, we have to concede that Peter won it fair and square and there was no penalty flag on the play (I keep mixing up my sports commentary and my egghead commentary. Excuse me. Not smart enough.)

Of course, this is a great victory for offensive lineman, who are usually lumped together and called "Grunts" or "Hogs." Now we have to call them "Smarter".

Of course, the real star of any show is not the offensive lineman or even the polymath. It's the quarterback, and will always be the quarterback.

And on the same day he signed a \$26-million contract with the Seattle Seahawks, Peter Dyakowski's college quarterback, Matt Flynn, texted Peter to say that being the smartest Canadian is like winning a foot race at a fat camp, which offends on so many levels, you'd have to be a genius to figure them all out.

Peter, by the way, won a plastic trophy. How smart is that?



Peter Dyakowski of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats was the winner of the CBC show Canada's Smartest Person. BARRY GRAY/HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Let the countdown begin



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London 2012

100 days to go until the Olympics

Young Chinese athletes practice Taekwondo techniques before the rehearsal ceremony to mark a 100-day countdown to London 2012 Olympic Games outside the Bird's Nest Tuesday, in Beijing, China.

As London organizers put the finishing touches on the venues, athletes around the world are training for the big moment.

With Wednesday marking the 100-day countdown to the London Olympics, it's time to take a look at some of the athletes who will stand out on the global stage this summer.

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Top 10

From the track to the pool to the hardwood, here's a list of 10 to watch (mindful that some still need to qualify):

Usain Bolt: His performance in Beijing four years ago was magical — gold medals and world records in the 100 metres, 200 metres and sprint relay.

Michael Phelps: After winning a record eight gold medals in Beijing, the 26-year-old American swimmer is back for his final big splash before retirement.

Oscar Pistorius: The South African double amputee, who runs on carbon-fiber blades, is looking to make history by becoming the first amputee runner to compete in an Olympics.

Hiroshi Hoketsu: At the age of 71, the Japanese equestrian rider will be the oldest competitor in London.

Kerri Walsh/Misty May-Treanor: No one will be more in the spotlight than Americans Walsh and May-Treanor, who won gold medals in Athens and Beijing in beach volleyball and are favourites for a third title in London.

Chris Hoy: Winner of three gold medals in Beijing, the British track cyclist is one of the host nation's top hopes for glory in the spectacular new velodrome.

Neymar: Argentina failed to qualify for the Olympic football competition, meaning Lionel Messi won't be coming. But Brazil did

qualify and Neymar is the player to watch.

Kevin Durant: It's hard to single out any single player from the star-studded U.S. basketball team. This will be the chance for Oklahoma City Thunder forward Durant to show his Olympic credentials.

Lin Dan: Widely considered the greatest badminton player of all time, China's "Super Dan" is a four-time world champion, five-time All England winner and the reigning Olympic gold medalist.

Katie Taylor: With women's boxing making its Olympic debut in London, the Irish fighter is a good bet for gold in the lightweight (60 kg) division.

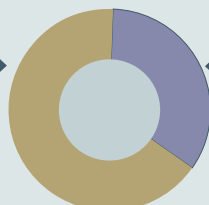
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Surprising signal sends loonie higher

Clear message.

Bank of Canada announcement to raise interest rates prompts rise in Canadian dollar

The Bank of Canada took markets by surprise Tuesday in sending a strong signal it is getting ready to raise interest rates based on improved prospects for the global and Canadian economies.

The hawkish statement sent the loonie immediately higher after the 9 a.m. ET release time, and it closed up 0.96 of a cent at 100.99 cents US.

As expected, the bank kept the trendsetting target rate at one per cent — where it has been since September 2010 — but it was the language in the accompanying statement that caught investors off guard.

Hawkish side

"This was ... a pretty serious amping up of the message ... And more surprising was the signal that rates will soon need to rise."

Douglas Porter, Bank of Montreal economist

"In light of the reduced slack in the economy and firmer underlying inflation, some modest withdrawal of the present considerable monetary policy stimulus may become appropriate, consistent with achieving the two per cent inflation target over the medium term," it said.

Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter said he was surprised bank governor Mark Carney would send such a clear intention. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Economic forecast

The bank says the Canadian economy will likely expand by 2.4 per cent this year, and will return to full capacity in the first half of 2013, three-to-six months ahead of pace.

- Essentially. The bank is expecting growth to happen faster, but not necessary be any stronger overall than its previous forecast.



Oracle sues up to take on Google in court

Oracle CEO Larry Ellison, left, puts on his suit as arrives for a court appearance at a federal building in San Francisco on Tuesday. Oracle intends to rely heavily on Google's own internal emails to prove Google's top executives knew they were stealing a popular piece of technology to build the Android software that now powers more than 300 million smartphones and tablet computers. **PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Rogers Video. Rentals out, liquidation underway

Rogers has officially bailed on the video store business.

In December, the company announced it was shuttering 40 per cent of its video shops. On Tuesday, Rogers confirmed

its more than 90 remaining video stores stopped renting movies and games late last week and are now in liquidation mode.

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Sears Canada to make it easier to return products

Returning products to Sears stores will get a lot easier starting next month, the company said Tuesday.

The national retailer will overhaul long-standing return policies that have sometimes left customers frustrated, new chief executive Calvin McDonald said Tuesday at the Sears Canada

annual meeting.

Sears will scrap the 10-day return policies that have existed for years and it will also stop charging a 20 per cent restocking fee for big ticket items such as appliances, electronics and outdoor power equipment, among others.

The changes are part of a

major revamp of operations at Sears Canada, which has been struggling to overcome losses as well as find its strategy ahead of an onset of new competition from discount retailers like Walmart and Target.

"When we look at the market, times are tough. Consumer confidence is low and unemployment is not getting

dramatically better," McDonald told shareholders.

"There are a lot of reasons we can sit and point to how and why it's tough to grow topline, but we don't look at those factors."

Instead, the company will focus on improving its product, store conditions and marketing, he said.

McDonald was brought on last summer to help reverse recent losses, and he immediately began an initiative to de-clutter the stores. Last month, the company said three high-profile department stores in Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa would close by the end of October affecting some 670 jobs.

As for the return policy, the changes raise questions about whether many consumers could take advantage of return policies, which is a factor executives spent much time discussing, McDonald said.

"It's a balance between not penalizing customers but not paying for abuse," he said.

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Scene in brief

**Ferguson
returning to
his roots with
Late Late
Show**

Craig Ferguson is going back to Scotland and taking Late Late Show viewers along for the trip. CBS says the Scotland-based episodes will air the week of May 14. While there, Ferguson explores Edinburgh and Glasgow. He also returns to his hometown of Cumbernauld, with stops at his childhood home and high school. On the trip, taped last month, he's joined by actors Mila Kunis, Michael Clarke Duncan and Rashida Jones, as well as author-humorist David Sedaris. Music will be performed by local Glasgow rock band The Imagineers. This marks the second international trip for the show. It went to Paris last year.

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Nicholas Sparks, the man behind *The Notebook*, is the writer of the new release *The Lucky One*. HANDOUT

Making silver screen Sparks

Nicholas Sparks. The man behind *The Notebook* and *Dear John* returns to the big screen with *The Lucky One*



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The word romance conjures up different ideas for different people.

Some folks, when they muse about love, create pictures of Fabio locked in an embrace with a raven-haired

beauty in their mind's eye. Others imagine John Cusack, boombox raised above his head, lurking outside his beloved's bedroom window.

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He is the premier romance writer of his generation, single handedly giving Harlequin a run in the tear-jerker department. Who else could write a line like, "Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it," with a straight face?

The flowery pen behind novels and screenplays like *The Notebook*, *Dear John* and *Nights in Rodanthe* returns with this weekend's parcel

Romance writer

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

of passion, *The Lucky One*, a story of good luck charms and true love.

He writes tales of love and loss, of mighty obstacles overcome and lip-locks galore, which he defines as "dramatic epic love stories" along the lines of "Eric Segal's *Love Story* or *The Bridges of Madison County* ... But you can even go all the way back. You had Hemingway write A

Farewell to Arms, the movies of the forties — *Casablanca*, *From Here to Eternity* — Shakespeare, and that's the genre I work in."

He caught some flack for comparing himself to Shakespeare — one writer said, "If Sparks is like Shakespeare, then a house painter is like Picasso." — but the fact remains that his unconventional love stories have made his name synonymous with the romance genre.

Sitting at the top of the list is *The Notebook*, which made stars of Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling. Marie Claire magazine says, "this movie is packed with heart-flutteringly incredible love scenes ... that it's impossible to choose

just one," but Noah and Allie's boat ride on the lake surrounded by swans is generally considered to be the most memorable moment in a movie that is essentially just one long love scene.

Peter Travers called *Message in a Bottle* "a hazard to all those allergic to ponderous chick flicks," but the movie features great romantic chemistry between Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn and a scene stealing performance from Paul Newman.

Even Miley Cyrus has been Sparksified. She chose the author to pen *The Last Song*, her fist post *Hannah Montana* movie, because she was a huge fan of his other weepie *A Walk to Remember*.

Music collaborations. The Big Pink still riding success of Nicki Minaj song

The Big Pink may be best known in America as the band who supplied the main sample for the Nicki Minaj song, *Girls Fall Like Dominoes*, but their new album, *Future This*, may be a chance for them to step outside the shadow of *Pink Friday*. The latest release from the British band, which is centered around singer and guitarist Robbie Furze and synth and beats programmer Milo Cordell, is full of the characteristic huge chorus hooks that made Minaj first take notice — and should soon make the rest of the world's ears perk up.

"I kind of love that pop

Music

"I think that's what we enjoy doing, writing hooks." Milo Cordell

that comes from all of the greatest bands — The Beatles or the Stones or The Beastie Boys or Nirvana," says Cordell. "I think that's what we enjoy doing, writing hooks."

But Cordell says that this preference for combining out-there sounds with catchy pop may have worked for those groups, but it's definitely not a fail-safe formula.

When the 2009 song *Dominoes* became last year's *Girls*

Fall Like *Dominoes* single, that was a great push to expose them to American audiences. The Nicki Minaj collaboration came about pretty easily.

"*Dominoes* had been around in England, and it was kind of a hit in England. It bubbled away everywhere, and we got an e-mail where our manager said to us, 'There's this guy, a producer called J.R. Rotem, who is writing a track for this female rapper and they're using 'Dominoes' as the main sample,' and we're like, 'Cool.' And we never really heard anything about it," Cordell laughed.

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A collaboration with Nicki Minaj has put The Big Pink on the map in North America. HANDOUT

On the web



Ben Flajnik, Courtney Robertson say they're still headed down the aisle, just not anytime soon



Ashton Kutcher

Kutcher and Kunis hooking up?

Former *That 70s Show* co-stars Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis are reportedly seeing each other — and trying to keep it quiet, according X17 Online.

Earlier this week, the pair were spotted shopping for furniture before grabbing dinner at a sushi res-

taurant and then heading back to Kutcher's home.

"Ashton was touching Mila's hand and Mila was all dressed up," a source says of the dinner. "She looked hot; this was definitely more than a dinner between friends — this was a full-on date."

Halle Berry is never, ever going to get married again ... starting now



Halle Berry

Halle Berry has confirmed that she is engaged to Olivier Martinez.

"Who knew? I swore it off, right?" Berry tells Extra. "Never say never, people."

But "never" is exactly what Berry said to Oprah Winfrey in 2004.

"I will never marry again. I mean it with every bone in my body." And three years later, she told *InStyle* magazine, "I will never, never get married again."

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Facing your fears through fist pumps



THE WORD

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Jersey Shore star Vinny Guadagnino is out to prove there's more to him than just being a sly guido who occasionally suffers from pink eye.

In his new book, *Control the Crazy: My Plan to Stop Stressing, Avoid Drama, and Maintain Inner Cool*, Guadagnino proves that he can not only pronounce such serious names as Deepak Chopra, Thich Nhat Hanh and Eckhart Tolle, but he also sees himself as an "ambassador" to their influential brand of pop psych for a younger generation.

"They are the masters. I certainly didn't invent this stuff, but it wasn't them inventing it either," he told Metro during a recent interview. "It's just a message that can be told

in many different voices — a Buddhist monk, a psychologist, a spiritual guru or now, you know, a cast member of the *Jersey Shore*."

For Guadagnino, who has suffered from various panic disorders since high school, and even during Season 1 of the show that made him famous, it was this anxiety that led him to start reading the self-help genre.

"I started to read these books and put together a program in my head for myself. That program is what I use a lot on four seasons of *Jersey Shore*, and it's gotten me through all of them."

Until last year, at least, when Guadagnino took a brief hiatus from Season 5.

"The last season got a little overbearing for me, because we had this stressful schedule where we had to come over and start a new season straight from Italy," he explains of his dramatic (yet brief) departure from the series.

"What happened on the show, it happened for me naturally. So I said, 'You know what? Now's the perfect opportunity to try to help people because they know I'm not bulls—ting. It's all real life.'"



Robert Downey Jr. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Robert Downey Jr. thinks parenting is no big deal

Parenting is nothing new to Robert Downey Jr. — he already has an 18-year-old son from a previous marriage, Indio — but the Iron Man star admits he was filled with fear before the February 7 birth of his new son, Exton.

"There was all this trepidation, all this projection, all

the anticipation and goodwill and a good vibe about it," he tells *Esquire*.

"But what you're squeezing to the side — or what's in the glove box — is these thousands of forms of fear. And then he was born and they've all just kind of scattered now. It seems like he's always been here."

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Travel in brief

African Queen sails again

The African Queen, the iconic original vessel from the classic film of the same name, is plying nearshore waters and canals in the Florida Keys again. Keys sailing charter operators Lance and Suzanne Holmquist inked an agreement with the 100-year-old boat's owner and invested some \$70,000 to restore the boat that carried Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn to movie history. The boat was originally brought to Key Largo in 1983 and restored then, but has languished as an out-of-the-water display for the past 11 years. Stephen Bogart, son of the film star, was present during a re-launch event Thursday for the vessel, registered as a national historic site. Next week, the Holmquists are to begin daily cruises for Keys visitors from the Holiday Inn Key Largo.

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On the web



Money talks in Olympic hotel search: London's top hotels poised to pamper wealthy guests



Animal Kingdom rides to victory at last year's Kentucky Derby. MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Come for the Derby, but explore beyond the track

Louisville. While the city is best known for a horse race, there's also baseball bats and boxers to be had

Shadowbox with a silhouetted Muhammad Ali. Grab a bat and take a few swings in a batting cage at the Louisville Slugger Museum. Dig into a Hot Brown at the place where the savory sandwich was created.

Louisville is home to plenty of originals that liven up a visit to Kentucky's largest city, best

known for a two-minute sporting event.

It's the iconic horse track that overshadows everything in town on the first Saturday in May. That's when the Kentucky Derby is run at Churchill Downs — where mint juleps flow, women sport flowery hats and sleek thoroughbreds race for immortality.

But visitors don't have to be horse racing buffs to enjoy the charms of this city along the Ohio River. The spring greenery is always dazzling in the Bluegrass state. While in Louisville, visitors can stroll along Waterfront Park — the city's 85-acre front yard. The expansive play-

ground near downtown offers panoramic views of downtown and the Ohio River.

"This time of year, Louisvilians get so happy," said local restaurateur Lynn Winter. "It's like everyone comes out."

Not far from the park, several museums are clustered within four blocks in the city's downtown, which features an array of restaurants and shops. Among the most popular destinations are the Muhammad Ali Center and the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory.

The Ali Center showcases the boxing career of the former world heavyweight champion known as "the Louisville Lip,"

and highlights his social activism and humanitarian causes out of the ring.

Ali, who turned 70 in January, grew up in the West End neighbourhood of Louisville.

A short walk away, visitors can see workers crafting bats used by big leaguers. The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is a treasure trove of memorabilia that features bats used by Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Ted Williams and other Hall of Famers. Visitors can pick a bat, wood or aluminum, and take a crack in the batting cages.

At the Brown Hotel, one of the city's landmark places to stay, visitors can dig into a Hot

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Brown. A local favourite, it's an open-faced turkey and bacon sandwich covered with Mornay sauce (a creamy cheese sauce).

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This recipe serves eight people. NEWS CANADA

Add a new twist to a family favourite with the addition of canned California cling peaches.

These delicious California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos are topped with Peach Slaw. Adding peaches boost your daily fruit servings, creating a healthier meal.

1. In a bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, yogurt, lime juice, garlic, salt and cayenne. Drain the peaches well and chop. Place in a large bowl; add slaw, coriander and half the mayonnaise mixture. Stir to combine.

2. Sprinkle the chicken with TexMex seasoning. In a large non-stick skillet, heat

oil over medium-high heat and cook chicken, stirring for about 10 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Warm shells. Add chicken and drizzle with some of the remaining mayo

mixture and hot sauce (if using). Top with slaw.

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 mL) light mayo
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) peach halves, in light syrup
- 2 cups (500 mL) packaged coleslaw or broccoli slaw mix
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) chopped

- fresh coriander
- 4 skinless boneless chicken cutlets, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp (10 mL) TexMex seasoning
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 8 large taco shells or small flour tortillas
- Hot sauce (optional)

Apple Custard Tart. Make a luscious dessert



1. Remove pie shell from foil pie plate. Place in a 23-cm (9-inch) tart pan with removable bottom. When thawed prick pie shell all over with a fork and press edge of pie shell into sides of pan. Bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly golden. Let cool completely on wire rack.

2. In a bowl, beat butter with sugar. Beat in ground almonds, then egg and almond extract. Stir in flour. Spread evenly in cooled tart shell. Arrange apples on top; sprinkle with 15 mL (1 tbsp) more sugar. Bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until apples are tender. Let cool on wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove side of pan; place tart on serving plate. Brush apricot jam over apples.

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Ingredients

- 1 frozen 23-cm (9-inch) deep-dish pie shell
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) butter, softened
- 50 mL (1/4 cup) granulated sugar (approx)
- 125 mL (1/2 cup) ground almonds
- 1 egg
- 1 mL (1/4 tsp) almond extract
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 750 mL (3 cups) thinly sliced, peeled apples such as Ida Red (2 to 3 depending on size)
- 45 mL (3 tbsp) apricot jam, melted and strained

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The highs and lows of the job hunt in the age of the Internet

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In the not-so-distant past, searching for a job was very grounded in the physical world: going to specific organizations, bringing in printed-off resumes and begging human resources for applications that could easily be recycled as soon as they had been filled out.

Now things have shifted to the web, that elusive, beckoning system of interconnectedness and global reach.

Here are some benefits and drawbacks of hunting electronically for a tangible target.

Establishing the hunting grounds

Jobs can now be found globally or locally, which means that the job opportunities available to you are only limited to how far you're willing to relocate.

Looking up a Japanese CEO who has the same obsession as you on Google is a lot easier than flying to Japan for a costly meet-and-greet only to catas-



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trophically find out that he or she meant to write something totally different in their tweet. But now, there are also thousands of other equally multilingual, PhD-having job candidates sending in resumes, meaning you must be at the top of your game – or have something that others don't.

Hunting equipment

The downside to the online job search is that your resume is expected to be a work of graphic artistry.

If you, like many of us, are thinking about enslaving a graphic designer for your own marketing needs, LinkedIn and other portfolio websites give you a nice (and legal!) way out. Another bonus: if you're actually a graphic artist, your entire portfolio can be seen at the click of a button!

Personal scent

Online marketing is everything. You need to be a brand yourself: a charming, sans serif love letter to your preferred employer,

which means having the right skills and captivating them with simplicity.

However, being a niche with your name stamped at the top of the webpage means that you need to provide what you marketed. As far as image goes, keep the picture as risqué as the one you'd show a gaggle of your 13-year-old brother's friends (i.e., not risqué at all!) Hopefully your employer-to-be will be impressed enough by your vivacious emails so as to not Google your name and find

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Blackhawks

Rookie Shaw gets three-game ban from Shanahan

Andrew Shaw chose the wrong time to run afoul of NHL rules.

The Chicago Blackhawks rookie was suspended three games Tuesday — possibly the rest of the season — after hitting Phoenix Coyotes goaltender Mike Smith in Game 2 of their series on Saturday night.

With the NHL under fire following a number of incidents in the opening week of the playoffs, disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan sent a strong message to Shaw. The length of his ban matched the three games given to New York's Carl Hagelin, another rookie, following his elbow to the head of Daniel Alfredsson.

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Andrew Shaw GETTY IMAGES

Canucks

Sedin's status up in the air in L.A.

Daniel Sedin returned to practice with the Vancouver Canucks on Tuesday, but there was no word whether he would play in the crucial Game 4 of their series with the Los Angeles Kings.

The Canucks' top goal-scorer and last season's Hart Trophy finalist skated with teammates in Los Angeles on Tuesday after suffering a concussion 12 games ago.

Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault says the team's medical staff will determine whether Sedin should play.

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Panthers stage 4-goal comeback

NHL. Florida wins and takes 2-1 series lead despite trailing Devils 3-0 after six minutes

Brian Campbell scored on a second-period power play and the Florida Panthers staged their greatest playoff comeback in franchise history, rallying from an early three-goal deficit to defeat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Sean Bergenheim, Jason Garrison and Mike Weaver also scored and Scott Clemmensen made 19 saves after replacing Jose Theodore early in giving the Panthers a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference first-round series.

Zach Parise, Stephen Gionta and Patrik Elias scored for the Devils, who jumped out 3-0 in the opening 6:16.

The Panthers ended a 15-year playoff drought in winning Game 2 on Sunday and they got rid of another demon on Tuesday when they drove Martin Brodeur from the net after tying the game early in the second.

Campbell got the game winner on the Panthers' third and final power play, and like most of the goals, it came on a shot from the point that got past Johan Hedberg.

New Jersey thought it tied the game late in the second period on a Marek Zidlicky shot but it was waved off for incidental contact with Clemmensen.

The Devils buzzed around the Florida net in the closing minutes but Clemmensen stopped David Clarkson on a shot from the circle with about a minute to go and Parise misfired on a shot between the circles with the net open in the



Brian Campbell, left, and goalie Scott Clemmensen of the Florida Panthers react in the final seconds of their 4-3 win against Zach Parise of the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Game 3

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Panthers

3

Devils

closing 20 seconds.

The Panthers seemingly were out of the game until Elias took a very foolish unsportsmanlike minor for a late hit after an icing call against the Devils.

Florida was three-for-seven

with the extra man in the first two games of the series and they only got better in Game 3.

Scottie Upshall banged a long pass off the ends boards from centre ice and Bergenheim raced in, collected the puck and beat Brodeur with a perfect shot into the upper corner of the net with 3:49 left in the period to cut the deficit to 3-1.

Before the period ended, it was a one-goal game, and again the power play was the difference as Garrison beat Brodeur with a shot from about 10 feet inside the blue-line on the man advantage. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Powerful Panthers

- Florida converted on all three of its power plays against the league's top-ranked penalty kill unit, and is now 6 of 10 in the series with the man advantage.

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Preds take commanding 3-1 lead over Wings



Predators goalie Pekka Rinne deflects a shot by Red Wings right wing Danny Cleary on Tuesday in Detroit. CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kevin Klein scored a go-ahead goal 6:25 into the third period and Pekka Rinne made 40 saves, lifting the Nashville Predators to a 3-1 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Tuesday night and a 3-1 lead in the first-round Western Conference playoff series.

The Predators can eliminate Detroit in Game 5 on Friday night in Nashville.

Predators rookie Gabriel Bourque broke a scoreless tie 1:55 into the third period. Detroit's Niklas Kronwall tied it 1:19 later with a power-play goal that was waved off on the ice but reversed by video review.

Game 4

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Predators

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Red Wings

The Red Wings pulled goalie Jimmy Howard to add an extra skater with 1:31 left, but had to put him back in the net because Henrik Zetterberg was called for high-sticking with 55.8 seconds left. David Legwand's power-play goal sealed the win with 39 seconds left.

Rinne stopped the first 29 shots he faced, including a kick save on Nicklas Lidstrom's slap shot at the end of the second period. Howard made 14 saves.

The Red Wings nearly took a 1-0 lead just before Klein's goal, but Jiri Hudler's shot hit a goal post.

Martin Erat blew past Detroit's defence, including Lidstrom, on the following sequence up the middle of the ice, drew three Red Wings to the left and passed the puck back to an uncovered Klein in front for a shot into the net vacated by the helpless Howard to make it 1-0 Predators.

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SPORTS

Football

NFL releases next season's schedule

Football fans won't have to wait long to see Peyton Manning in a Broncos uniform. Manning's first game as Broncos quarterback will come in prime time as Denver hosts Pittsburgh on the opening Sunday of the NFL season. Steelers at Broncos is one of four prime-time games in the league's kickoff week, Sept. 5-10. The schedule, released Tuesday, has the Super Bowl champion Giants hosting the Cowboys in the first Wednesday NFL game since 1948; the league moved the game to avoid a conflict with President Barack Obama's Thursday night speech at the Democratic National Convention. The now-traditional Monday night opening doubleheader has Cincinnati at Baltimore, followed by San Diego at Oakland.

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On the web



The Bobcats have been NBA playoff afterthoughts all season, but with six games remaining there is still something worth fighting for in Charlotte. The Bobcats are desperate to get one more win to avoid statistically becoming the worst team in NBA history. Scan the code for the story.

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Angry Sid not bothering Flyers

NHL. Penguins star lost his cool in Game 3; Face elimination tonight

Sidney Crosby got too caught up in his hatred for the Philadelphia Flyers to recall that one of his best friends wears the orange and black.

No worries, though. Max Talbot isn't going to delete Crosby's number from his cellphone.

"He's definitely a great friend," Talbot said Tuesday. "He was heated up in the moment and that's OK. It's not like I'm not going to talk to him after the series."

Crosby and the rest of the Pittsburgh Penguins lost their cool in a fight-filled 8-4 loss to the Flyers that put them on the brink of getting swept out of their first-round playoff series.

The Flyers can eliminate the heavily favoured

Penguins and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals with a win in Game 4 Wednesday night at the Wells Fargo Center. Whatever happens, it'll be hard to live up to Game 3.

People are still talking about one of the most thrilling NHL games in recent memory. Fists flew faster than pucks, and goals were scored at a ridiculous pace. Crosby, the often-concussed former MVP, was at the centre of it all.

He instigated several scrums, and even dropped the gloves in a rare superstar versus superstar fight against Claude Giroux.

Afterward, Crosby said: "I don't like any guy on their team."

That's news to Talbot, who was Crosby's teammate for six seasons in Pittsburgh before signing a free-agent deal with the Flyers last summer. Talbot scored both of the Penguins' goals in a Stanley Cup clinching victory over Detroit in Game 7

in 2009. The two players are close friends, and they even appeared together in a Reebok commercial at Crosby's parents' house in Nova Scotia.

Asked if he was surprised by Crosby's antics in Game 3, Talbot replied: "Yes and no."

Crosby twice jabbed goalie Ilya Bryzgalov's glove against the ice after the whistle, and then poked aside Jakub Voracek's glove when he bent down to pick it up. Crosby then went after mild-mannered Kimmo Timonen, setting off his "wrestling match" with Giroux.

"I see Sid as such a great competitor," Talbot said. "When things don't go his way, he tries to do other things."

The Flyers are fine with whatever Crosby tries.

"He's one of the best players in the league. It's good that he's frustrated. He doesn't focus as much on his game," Voracek said.

Crosby will certainly get more than an earful from the boisterous Flyers fans. Many are calling him a "cry baby" and some plan to bring diapers to the rink, if they're allowed to sneak those past security.

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Max Talbot, left, checks Sidney Crosby in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Sunday in Philadelphia. Talbot says he and Crosby are "great friends." BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I think we're trying to do whatever we can to win hockey games. We've just got to win one game. That's really what it comes down to."

Penguins forward Sidney Crosby



Bayern holds serve vs. Real Madrid in Munich

Franck Ribery celebrates his goal to open the scoring in the 17th minute for Bayern Munich during a Champions League semifinal match against Real Madrid on Tuesday. Mario Gomez also scored in the 90th minute Tuesday to hand Real Madrid its first loss in the Champions League this season by a score of 2-1. The second leg is next week in Madrid. LARS BARON/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Damon lands gig in Cleveland

Johnny Damon has left the on-deck circle. He's officially with the Cleveland Indians.

Next stop: The starting lineup — and maybe the 3,000-hit club.

The 38-year-old outfielder signed a major-league con-

tract Tuesday, the next step before he joins the club. The sides agreed on a \$1.25 million deal last week, when the Indians were off to a sluggish start with a team batting average below .200.

General manager Chris Antonetti said he had been in talks with Damon and his agent Scott Boras long before the Indians opened 1-4.

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MLB



"My business is to talk about baseball ... I learned a very tough lesson."

Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen on Tuesday after completing a five-game suspension for praising Fidel Castro.

NFL

Seahawks to visit Bills in Ontario

The Buffalo Bills will host the Seattle Seahawks in the final game of their five-year series of annual home games in Toronto. The Bills and Seahawks meet Dec. 16 in Week 15 of the NFL season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NCAA. Kentucky's starting 5 to test NBA draft waters

Kentucky's lineup of three freshmen and two sophomores did most everything together en route to the school's eighth national title. Now, they will go their separate ways in the NBA.

Freshmen Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marquis Teague, and sophomores Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb declared for the draft in a nationally televised news conference Tuesday night.

"Let me just say that Anthony and Doron and Terrence have decided to put their names in the NBA draft, so they will do that," coach John Calipari said, pausing for a dramatic effect. "And Michael and Marquis Teague have also decided to put their names in the draft."

"I was trying to scare some coaches out there, that's all I was doing."

The group came into the season largely untested before ascending to No. 1, winning the Southeastern Conference and capping an NCAA tournament title with a 67-59 victory over Kansas in the title game.

The five join seniors Darius Miller and Eloy Vargas leaving the program.

"This is a players' first program. I said it three years ago. During the season, it's about our team. You saw it in this year's team, they were about each other," Calipari said. "When the season is over, it's about moments like this."

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Projected NBA Lottery pick Anthony Davis talks with members of the media on Tuesday in Lexington, Ky. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Talk about perfect timing



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Engine

The Skyactiv powerplant is a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine that features direct fuel injection. It runs on regular gas and is 10 per cent lighter than Mazda's non-Skyactiv 2.0. Output is rated at 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque, down from the Tribute's 171/171 levels.



No more smiley face grille.

Skyactiv

Most of the CX-5's mechanical bits are promoted under Mazda's "Skyactiv" theme that made its initial appearance in conjunction with the 2012 Mazda3. From a chassis and suspension perspective, the automaker says it has attempted to infuse the vehicle with as much MX-5-Miata-type sporty behaviour as possible.

Less cargo space

The CX features a curvy accent crease along the lower door edges. In back, the slant of the liftgate glass suggests a bit of hatchback has crept into the design, which could explain why there's slightly less cargo space than the Tribute had, even though the CX has a bit more stretch-out room for passengers.

2013 Mazda CX-5

- **Type:** Four-door, front/all-wheel-drive compact tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (155).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.8/5.7 (MT, FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$24,800.

Review. It's a game-changer for Mazda, and with a low base price and low fuel consumption, it might be a game-changer for you, too

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

If you're looking to cheap out on fuel bills while still maintaining your quality of life, then the new Mazda CX-5 could be driving right up your alley.

These days, nearly every car shopper places good —no, better make that excellent — fuel

economy atop their must-have lists, without sacrificing roominess and comfort in the process.

Well, for the 2013 model year, which begins right about now for Mazda, the CX-5 could do the trick.

Replacing the long-standing Ford Escape-based Mazda Tribute wagon, this brand new five-seater becomes the smallest of Mazda's tall-wagon

models, a group that includes the CX-7 (also a five-seater) and seven-passenger CX-9. But the CX-5 might just be the best looking of the bunch and has Mazda's evolving look, that will eventually spread to the entire lineup.

The CX-5's curvaceous shape is best viewed from the front, where you'll notice a neatly-shaped sloping hood and expressive (as opposed to the

more controversial smiley-face) grille.

With the proliferation of brand new, or nearly-new, models in the compact tall-wagon segment, Mazda's timing with the CX-5 couldn't be better.

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There's something about this clutch that's different. Maybe even a little weird.

For starters, it's a whole bunch stiffer than a clutch pedal in a normal car.

"We're empty, so start off in low range on the low split of second gear," Frank Porter's voice is confident, relaxing and even, which is expected from a man with more than 40 years experience behind the wheel of rigs like this.

We're in Quebec today, on a lonely stretch called Highway 389 that's about 1,000 kilometres northeast of Quebec City. (For the route, enter this address into your Web browser: <http://tinyurl.com/cekhvxs>).

Easing out the clutch, the 450-horsepower 12.8-litre Detroit Diesel's 1,650 pound-feet of torque begins to churn in tandem with the rear wheels.

Under Frank's guidance I work through the gears of the 18-speed Eaton Fuller transmission, "splitting" each gear through the "H" shift pattern with a switch on the side of the shifter. There's more, though. You have to flip the switch on the front of the shifter up into "high range," simultaneously moving the shifter back to the second gear position ... and do it all again, splitting each of the high-range gears.

Quote

"The cab sits high enough that you can actually look down at the drivers of passing 18-wheelers. The proverbial 'high horse' indeed."

After a lot of rowing, 18th gear is finally here and I get to move my laser-like gaze from the tachometer and the road ahead to the speedometer. Wooohoooo, a whopping 80 km/h, which is actually plenty of speed for this snow-and ice-packed umbilical cord that reaches out to Labrador City in Newfoundland and Labrador.

It's my second day on the road with Frank Porter, a professional truck driver, and Luke Thompson, who's a Western Star truck sales consultant — a guy I've known for years.

Luke has sold a lot-full of big, serious Western Star trucks to customers in Labrador City and there is only one way to get them there. Drive from wherever to Baie-Comeau, a town on the north shore of the Saint Lawrence River, 400 kilometres northeast of Quebec City, then head north on Quebec's infamous Highway 389 to the middle of nowhere.

Midway through that desolate road is precisely where I find myself behind the wheel of a new-but-filthy Western Star 4800TS dump truck. The "TS" stands for twin-steer which uses tandem front steering axles. Because of this, the cab sits high enough that you can actually look down at the drivers of passing 18-wheelers. The proverbial "high horse" indeed.

This trip is different than any of the media junkets I've been on where a gaggle of

auto writers are pampered and hosted while they try out new products in controlled environments. I'm the only scribe on this trip and it's trial by fire on this road.

With a conventional three-person cab, our luggage was wrapped in heavy-duty green garbage bags and heaved into the massive 6.5-metre-long dump box capable of carrying 21 tons of earth, rock, sand, salt or whatever bulky stuff needs to be moved somewhere.

"What's the file of this run, your favourite part?" I ask Luke after switching trucks.

"The sign that says Labrador City 25 kilometres," he laughs.

Route 389 is a brute of a road that runs almost 600 kilometres north from Baie-Comeau to Fermont, Québec, at the Labrador border. Then it's a short distance along the Labrador Highway to Labrador City.

We made friends on the road to Labrador with heavy-haul guys flat-bedding a disassembled mining truck on that one-way northern trek that most equipment takes to booming Labrador. Of course, they are driving Western Star trucks — the big 600-horsepower 4900-model tractors that make our twin steer dumpers look like Labrador sports cars.

We leapfrog each other all morning and meet again at the halfway fuel stop and restaurant.

After coffee, I climb back behind the wheel of Frank Porter's truck, strap in and start working the gears under his watchful eye. Shift, split, shift, split, go for high range.

"The longest way around is the shortest way there," says Frank who is filling me with stories of his career in the trucking world that has earned him two Safety Council Million Mile Awards for mishap-free driving.



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After a while with Frank, I move back into the passenger's seat of Luke Thompson's truck. Approaching Labrador City, I feel the usual bliss of safely reaching the destination but also sadness that the roving

driver-training session on the road to Labrador is over.

"Just sold two more rigs up here!" Luke advises checking his email when we pull up at the Two Seasons Motel in Labrador City.

"Looks like we'll be doing this again in the next month or so."

"More serious trucks for serious roads," I nod, in anticipation of another big truck driving lesson.

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Driving a self-driving car is a conundrum wrapped in an enigma

Autopilot



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Whenever I ride shotgun I tend toward second-guessing the driver and twitching in my seat.

So imagine me sitting behind the steering wheel of a "self-driving" car while it is being driven by a computer. And a computer I've never even met!

But, not surprisingly, the Cadillac SRX stays on its course around the big oval at GM's Milford Proving Grounds with expert facility. And well it should, equipped as it is, with enough computer hardware and software to run a small space program.

The SRX is GM's latest in a long series of "self-driving" vehicle prototypes. Its first one was built way back in the late 1950s, and was also a Cadillac (the 1959 Cadillac Cyclone concept). The SRX version is a lot closer to being a production reality.

Before we were chauffeured in the SRX by software and sensors, Dr. Alan Taub, GM's vice-president of Global Research & Development, confirmed that some form of autonomous driving will be available by the end of this decade.

He noted that the minute we started trying to prevent crashes, through such systems as ABS and stability control, we started on the path toward a self-driving car.

Today, many cars can



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not only alert and assist the driver to avoid a crash, they can also intervene on our behalf to avoid a crash. The technology that enables "not crashing" is the same for self-driving vehicles. They include sensors, braking and steering wheel actuators, software, cameras, radar and satellite navigation.

The concept of a future without a human behind the wheel is sure to raise the ire of driving enthusi-

asts and control freaks the world over. But before you start assembling with the intent of storming the GM proving grounds with pitchforks, take heed that Dr. Taub has also gone on record saying that everyone should experience the joy of driving, so if there is autonomous driving in GM's future, it will be equipped with an "on and off" switch.

GM says a better way of picturing this "on and off"

switch is to think of it as a "super cruise control" button. Like regular cruise, it would only be engaged in certain situations, like extended stretches on appropriate and/or designated highways, and would not replace the human driver for the vast majority of driving situations.

For one thing, the SRX prototype's current technology needs to pick up the lane marking on the roadway, with its suite of

on-board cameras. So a dirt road, a snow-covered road, or a rainy day will immediately put the kibosh on autonomous driving.

But the experimental SRX "self" brakes, accelerate and steer fairly smoothly, a lot more smoothly, in fact, than my Uncle Joe ever drove. And other than the big stack of computers in the cargo area — and the extra exposed wiring — it looks pretty much like a regular Cadillac SRX.

A production self-driving SRX, however, will require another advance in sensor technology.

"You couldn't do it with today's sensors, it's going to be tomorrow's," said GM engineer Eric Raphael, who has the big job of researching how to "productionize" a future self-driving Cadillac.

He also happened to be riding shotgun during my "self-drive" drive and never flinched once.

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Available in 3-door hatchback or sedan configurations, the last-generation Hyundai Accent was affordable, thrifty, nice to drive, and surprisingly roomy and quiet.

It enjoyed a successful sales life while turning many first-time car shoppers onto the Hyundai brand. For shoppers after a cheap-to-run compact on a budget, Accent was hard to beat.

Common Issues

Check your used Accent's clutch for slippage or signs of wear, as some owners have reported having to replace it early on. If the model you're driving has a manual transmission and exhibits any clutch chatter or slippage, move to another unit, or negotiate for a new clutch. A check-engine light may be caused by a bad emissions system component. Be sure to determine and remedy any check-engine lights before agreeing to purchase.

Have a Hyundai mechanic check the underside of your potential used Accent for signs of a leak from the transaxle.

If the power windows appear to move slowly or 'chatter' on their way up or down, the involved window regulator may be on its way out.

Other than a few minor issues, this generation of Accent looks to be reliable — especially if well maintained.



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Engine



All Accent models got a 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing and 110 horsepower. A four-speed automatic or five-speed manual attached it to the front wheels.

What Owners Like



Most Accent owners rate the styling, spaciousness, ride quality and handling of their machines highly. Many report positively on fuel mileage as well. Performance looks adequate with the manual transmission on board. Good manoeuvrability and an easy-driving character round out the package.

What Owners Dislike



A sub-par factory audio system, high highway revs and easily-scratched interior plastics are among this generation of Accent's most common complaints.

Verdict

Other than a few minor issues, this generation of Accent looks to be reliable — especially if well maintained. A healthy model should offer up a pleasant and thrifty driving experience and lower-than-average used prices.

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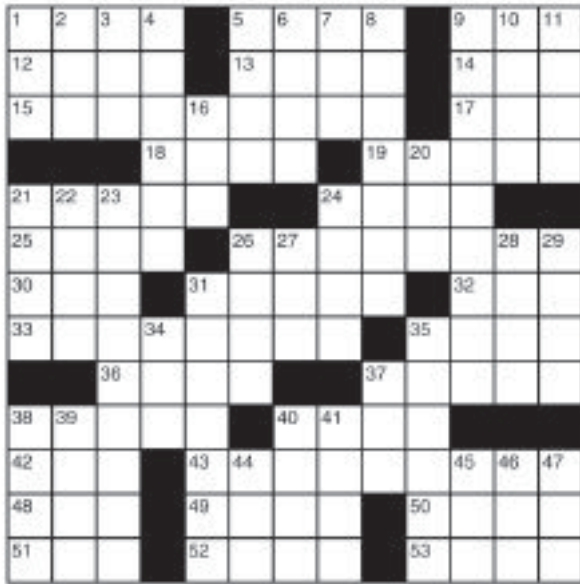
Crossword

Across

- 1 Plate
5 BLT topper
9 Spot on a domino
12 Vicinity
13 The yoke's on them
14 Equal (Prefix)
15 Theater balcony
17 Buddhist sect
18 Performances
19 Demolished
21 Chaplain
24 Rice-A- —
25 Saharan
26 Trimmed with wide ruffles
30 Emerald City VIP
31 Disgusting
32 Lawyers' org.
33 City of Galilee
35 Teensy bit
36 "Dies —"
37 Sustained hum
38 Star of Cygnus
40 Prompted
42 Have bills
43 Techno-jargon
48 More (Sp.)
49 Actor Morales
50 Littlest of the litter
51 Em halves
52 Actress Diana
53 Remain

Down

- 1 Block the flow
2 Rage
3 "— who?"
4 Sand trap, e.g.
5 Billings' st.
6 Line of symmetry
7 Longing
8 Burdensome
9 Played without a bow
10 "Gotcha"
11 Walden, for one
16 Expert
20 Massachusetts cape
21 Chess soldier
22 La Scala showstopper
23 Vertigo
24 — Hashanah
26 Gratis
27 Parcel of land
28 Black, in verse
29 Knighted woman
31 Snatched
34 Exist
35 Intense feelings
37 Morning moisture
38 Capitol cap
39 Actor McGregor
40 Despot
41 Submachine guns
44 GI entertainment org.



- 45 Trench
46 "CSI" evidence
47 Pigs' home

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

DN KLR ZDIC UN LWBSFTMZA
LTX T BTQR UNNASYDJC.
HUWQX LR FR MTQQRX
KLR SYDJMR UN HLTORA!
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE
ANSWERS "NO" TO "WILL YOU MARRY ME?", I
SUPPOSE THAT'S PROPOSITION OPPOSITION.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals F



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Weather

TODAY



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MIN: 1°

THURSDAY

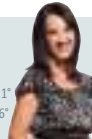


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MIN: -4°

FRIDAY



MAX: 11°
MIN: -6°



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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You may think the world is against you but it's just that you have allowed a minor event to morph into a major issue in your mind.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Leave well alone today, especially on the work front where, if you make unnecessary changes, the results may not be to your liking.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Some will criticize you no matter what do, so you might as well ignore them and just get on with it.

♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You take it personally when people change their minds and upset your plans, but don't be so sensitive.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Today, if someone says something unjust, or even abusive, your best move is to laugh it off.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

The reason you don't get along with a certain person is not because you are so different but because you are so very much the same.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You'll go over the top and say things you don't really mean, and you'll hate yourself for it when you calm down, but it's no big deal.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Don't promise that you'll do something today unless you are certain you are in a position to deliver.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If you cut corners or take shortcuts in any way, shape or form today, you will pay the price a little bit further down the line.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You will try to bluff your way out of an embarrassing situation today, but you won't succeed.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

If you are told something in confidence today don't rush out and tell everyone else. If it gets out, no one will confide in you again.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Whatever else you do today don't try to compete with rivals and enemies on their low level. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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